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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2900**
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018

**INCLUSION OF FARMERS UNDER MGNREGS**

**2900. SHRI RAJKUMAR SAINI:**

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has been plagued with widespread irregularities/ corruption during the last few years and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the steps being taken by the Government to curb those irregularities/ corruption;
(c) whether the Government proposes to provide employment to farmers under the said scheme;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**
**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**
**(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)**

(a) & (b): The Ministry receives complaints of irregularities including misuse of funds under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) from States/UTs. Since the responsibility of implementation of MGNREGS is vested with the State Governments/UTs, all complaints received in the Ministry are forwarded to the concerned State Governments/UTs for taking appropriate action including investigation, as per law. 20 States and 1 UT have formulated Grievance Redressal Rules for dealing with complaints. Steps have been taken to strengthen social audit units and appointment of Ombudsmen in the States. State specific reviews of States are also undertaken from time to time. Officers of the Ministry and National Level Monitors also visit various districts to oversee the performance of MGNREGS. The cumulative pendency of the grievances is monitored at the Ministry level.

(c) to (e): The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) provides for at least 100 days of wage employment to every rural household whose adult members are willing to do unskilled manual work.

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